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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 23-Nov-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 11/23/02	PREVIOUS WEEK 11/16/02
BRO-FRY	156,087	158,662
LT HENS	1,812	1,570
HVY HENS	1,591	1,575

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 16-Nov-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	226	11	277
LAST WEEK	220	0	220
SAME WK YR AGO	277	0	277
TO DATE 2002	13,904	286	14,190
TO DATE 2001	18,912	279	19,191

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,707	1,534	3,241
LAST WEEK	1,658	1,548	3,206
SAME WK YR AGO	1,845	1,545	3,390
TO DATE 2002	94,141	65,648	159,789
TO DATE 2001	100,996	64,083	165,079

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 16-Nov-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	154,140 (A)	1,441	1,523	2,964
AVG WT	5.29	3.47	7.90	5.75
LAST WEEK	155,647	1,438	1,548	2,986
SAME WEEK YR AGO	152,275	1,568	1,545	3,113
AVG WT	5.10	3.42	8.03	5.71
TO-DATE/2002	7,153,750	80,237	65,362	145,599
TO-DATE/2001	7,092,574	82,084	63,804	145,888

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 156 million head or 4.7 million head more than or 103% percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING November 09, 2002**

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
HEAD	24,191	27,712	41,331
AVG WEIGHT	3.74	4.77	6.23
% OF TOTAL /1	26%	30%	44%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	30,042	24,223	46,736
AVG WEIGHT	3.82	4.83	6.26
% OF TOTAL /1	30%	24%	46%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	27,424	27,750	44,272
AVG WEIGHT	3.80	4.76	6.28
% OF TOTAL /1	28%	28%	45%
TO DATE/2002	1,156,147	1,008,027	1,858,357
TO DATE/2001	1,404,113	1,246,052	1,959,577

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 16-Nov-02
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,392	3,240	64	43	5,739
AVG WT	16.24	34.76	24.37	27.81	26.87
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,585	3,268	87	30	5,970
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,376	3,150	39	6	5,571
AVG WT	15.87	33.14	24.10	25.93	25.71
TO-DATE/2002	86,143	127,531	2,519	509	216,702
TO-DATE/2001	93,972	128,341	2,108	536	224,957

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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